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METHOD OF OPTICALLY MEASURING BLACK CARBON IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: PATENT Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this patent application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.